GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:24
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2016
Exchange Programme for Farmers
Tripathi Shri Sharad

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has assessed the working of the Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the country and if so, the major achievements thereof;

(b) the mechanism in place to impart training to the farmers in the various agricultural activities including exchange programme;

(c) whether a number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras have been proposed in order to launch inter-state farmer to farmer exchange programme so as to provide latest farm information relating to development in the agriculture sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to be accrued to the farmers as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 24 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/07/2016 REGARDING
"EXCHANGE PROGRAMME FOR FARMERS"

(a) Yes, Madam. The work performance of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) is assessed every year. The achievements of major activities undertaken by KVKs during 2015-16 are given in Annexure.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 645 KVKs with a mandate for technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development. As part of their activities the KVKs impart training to the farmers in various agricultural activities.

(c) & (d): The KVKs also organize exposure visits of farmers within and outside state. These visits facilitate interaction of farmers with the researchers, scientists, farm innovators, entrepreneurs, etc for getting ideas about the new technology/enterprise/products and enable them for cross learning. These visits also expose farmers to the latest technologies generated by Agricultural Universities and ICAR Institutes. It opens new horizons of knowledge to the farmers by "Seeing is believing" process. Besides, the discussions during visits among fellow farmers help in building confidence for adoption of new technologies offered to them.

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